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The Honorable Kay Granger Chair House Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member House Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I am requesting funding for the Lowell Boulevard Watermain Replacement Treatment in fiscal year 2024.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Westminster, located at 4800 W. 92nd Ave., Westminster, CO 80031. The funding would be used to help replace the existing Lowell Boulevard Watermain. The Lowell Boulevard Watermain provides water to the historic area of Westminster. This area is known for its art district, history, and diverse neighborhoods. This watermain was installed in the 1950s and is at the end of its useful life. The city actively invested in this historic Westminster area to support local neighborhoods and businesses. Some investments realized in the last decade include a commuter rail station, new affordable housing, public trails and parks, as well as wastewater and roadway infrastructure. This new pipeline will provide drinking water infrastructure needs to the historic Westminster area for decades to come.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because Westminster's water infrastructure is in desperate need of repair and this investment will ensure quality drinking water is a pillar of the community. Because this specific watermain was installed in the 1950s, it needs to be replaced as Westminster continues to bring the rest of the city's infrastructure into the 21st century.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12.

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Yadira Caraveo, M.D. Member of Congress